

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT PROGRAMME OF AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India and the Indian Airlines have launched/proposed to launch any joint programme to face the impending competition in the domestic and international skies from the private sector airlines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof.

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Details of joint initiatives undertaken by both Air India and Indian Airlines to face competition are:-

- (i) Joint Frequent Flier Membership Programme called Flying Returns;
- (ii) Utilization of the spare capacity of Indian Airlines by Air India flights during night when there are no scheduled operations;
- (iii) Air India and Indian Airlines propose to finalise a code share agreement under which Indian Airlines will offer a certain number of seats on select flights to Air India at agreed price and
- (iv) Special Prorate Agreement between Air India and Indian Airlines whereby Air India offices give preference to selling domestic sectors of Indian Airlines for international passengers arriving from abroad and travelling within India.